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SUBJECT: USSR AND CUBA SIGN AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLAN

COORDINATION 1976-1980

1. SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS SEPTEMBER 20 REPORTED SIGNATURE IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 19 OF PROTOCOL FOR COORDINATION OF SOVIET-CUBAN ECONOMIC PLANS FOR PERIOD 1976-1980.

2. ARTICLE MENTIONS AGREEMENT ON "BASIC DIRECTION OF ECONOMIC
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COOPERATION" BETWEEN USSR AND CUBA FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY

NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED OUT DURING 1972 VISIT TO USSR BY CUBAN PREMIER CASTRO AND 1974 VISIT TO CUBA BY BREZHNEV. AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY N.N. INOZEMTSEV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF SOVIET PLANNING COMMITTEE (GOSPLAN) AND L. GUTIERREZ, FIRST DEPUTY CCVFQN OF CUBAN CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL. ALSO PRESENT WERE SOVIET GOSPLAN CHIEF N.K. BAYBAKOV AND DEPUTY PREMIER V.N. NOVIKOV.

3. COMMENT - THIS AGREEMENT FOLLOWS SIGNATURE OVER PAST TWO MONTHS OF SOVIET PLAN COORDINATION AGREEMENTS WITH GDR, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY. AGREEMENTS WITH THESE COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, ALSO MENTIONED FOREIGN TRADE PLAN COORDINATION AND SPECIFIED FIXED TARGETS FOR INCREASED BILATERAL TRADE, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO CERTAIN SECTORS. WE SPECULATE THAT CUBAN AGREEMENT, BESIDES BEING BROADER THAN OTHERS, MAY ALSO INCLUDE SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO SOVIET COOPERATION IN MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN CUBA. ONE OF THESE MAY BE NICKEL ORE MINING AND PROCESSING PLANT WHICH IS ALSO AN APPROVED CEMA PROJECT.
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